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Multitudes of people have fled to the country, taking their most valuable effects. All business is stopped, and the thousands who depend on daily wages for their support, are reduced to great extremities. Peaceable people have had great fears that advantage would be taken of this occasion for another rising, and that the British flag would be not known which way to turn for safety.

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JOHN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.—This body convened at Iowa City on Monday, the 1st inst., and consisted of thirty-four members, twenty-one of whom are Republicans and thirteen Democrats. The remodelling of the judicial system, granting power to the Legislature to establish and remove judges, and of some other laws are the principal subjects that will occupy the attention of the Convention.

THE LYONNAISE.—Boston, Jan. 29.—The barque Cambridge, from Pernambuco, reports having broken the barque Essex, from Boston for Rio Janeiro, which had taken two seamen from a raft, belonging to the Lyonnaise. The seamen represent that sixty had drowned, and that the balance of the Lyonnaise's passengers and crew took to the boats.

JOHN BOWRING.—The New Haven Register says that Long Island and Connecticut are now connected by solid ice, for the first time since the ice broke up in 1840.

THE NEW BEDFORD STANDARD says that no communication has been had with Nantucket since the 5th of January.

FROM KANSAS.—St. Louis, Jan. 27.—The Westport (Mo.) correspondent of the Republic, under date of the 21st, says that the Kansas Legislature have repealed the law regulating the circulation of incendiary documents. A resolution had also passed both Houses, under which a Convention will be called at an early day to frame a State Constitution.

FROM KANSAS.—Westport, January 21.—The Council of Kansas has passed a bill repealing the law regulating the circulation of incendiary documents, which makes such circulation a penal offense—an offense punishable by death. It was a law which was said to be not only cruel, but also a violation of the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, which says that Congress shall pass no law "curtailing the freedom of speech and of the press."

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BUSINESS BEFORE CONGRESS.—Washington, Feb. 2.—The members of the Select Committee on the alleged corruption say that they will sit eight or ten hours each day, if necessary, in order to complete the testimony they will take. The Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms has left the city for certain witnesses.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House will report the French consular bill; but its friends will not attempt its consideration, owing to the pressure of other business, and for want of time for its due consideration. The Committee on Elections have finally decided to report the resolution declaring vacant the seat held by Mr. Whitfield, of Kansas, but making no recommendation relative to Governor Reeder.

MURDER.—New York, Feb. 1.—A most diabolical murder was brought to light in this city yesterday, but as yet no clue has been obtained to the perpetrator. The victim was J. W. BURELL, a well-known dentist residing in Bond street, who was found dead in his bedroom yesterday morning. The body of the deceased was not only found in a state of decomposition, but the neck presented evidence of strangulation having been resorted to as a means of causing death. The Doctor was a wealthy man, but the cause of his death is still a mystery. The case is enveloped in mystery, and has produced a great sensation.

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to engage in debate on the bill under consideration, but he thought it due to himself that he should say a few words in reply to the gentleman from Missouri. What (he inquired) does the gentleman propose to do with that part of the territory under the old Ordinance which is not embraced within the limits of any State? Will he let it stand forever in an unorganized condition? Or should it be organized into a Territory, and thus added another to the already created out of that territory? This objection comes with a bad grace from a gentleman whose State has trampled upon compact, and a portion of whose area was taken from the territory under the old Ordinance, and is now a part of that territory?

Mr. Garnett, of Virginia, moved to lay the bill on the table; which motion did not prevail. Mr. Boyce, of South Carolina, desired to know if gentlemen had any official information as to the population of that portion of the Territory of Minnesota which was to be formed into a State.

Mr. Groves, of Kentucky, moved to amend the bill by inserting the words "and to provide for the establishment of a Department of Law, and to prescribe certain duties of the Auditor and Comptroller of the Treasury."

Several unimportant amendments were agreed to. Mr. Crittenden expressed the opinion that a bill proposing so radical a change as forming a new and separate Department of the Government would require more time and closer examination than had been given to it.

Mr. Seward said the bill was certainly a very important one, and indicated that the time now left of the session would be insufficient to consider it. The subject of the bill was postponed until half past 12 to-morrow; which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Hunter then moved to postpone all prior orders, and proceed to the consideration of the bill. The bill was then taken up, and the Indian department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with certain Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1858; which was agreed to.

This bill, having had various amendments made to it, was reported to the Senate, the amendments concurred in, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

HOUSE. The Speaker laid before the body a communication from the Clerk of the House, transmitting orders of the Legislative Assembly of Canada in relation to the transmission of copies of all documents and reports to the House of Representatives of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, introduced a bill to establish at Augusta, in the State of Georgia, a port of delivery; which was read three times and passed.

Mr. Whitney, of New York, introduced a bill to provide for and regulate the organization of the House of Representatives of the United States; which was read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Groves, of Pennsylvania, under a suspension of the rules, Saturday next was set apart for the consideration of Territorial bills.

Mr. Kelsey, of New York, from the select committee appointed on the 9th ultimo, reported the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House be, and he is hereby, instructed to bring James W. Simonton, now in custody by order of the House, before the select committee appointed on the 9th ultimo, to be examined as to the charges against him, touching the subject-matter of said investigation by said committee.

A message was received from the President, informing the House that he had passed a joint resolution for the appointment of a committee, to consist of three members, to join such committee may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to examine and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, it was agreed that the House should be organized to appoint a committee of five members to carry out the object of the resolution.

The Speaker thereupon appointed Messrs. Jones, of Tennessee; McKim, of Maryland; and Mr. McKim, of Pennsylvania, as the committee on the subject of the resolution.

Mr. Fuller, of Maine, presented the consideration of a bill to establish the collection districts of the United States, and to designate the ports of entry and delivery in the same. This is a bill of great length, embodying all the districts in one act. Some time was spent in various motions concerning it, but it was finally passed.

Mr. Pelton, of New York, under a suspension of the rules, reported from the Committee on Commerce the bill to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be procured, by purchase or otherwise, a suitable steamer, to be stationed at the port of New York for a revenue cutter, and for the purpose of affording relief to distressed seamen and crews, and recommended that the House concur in the amendments of the Senate thereto.

And the question being taken, the amendments were agreed to, and the bill was passed. Mr. Barbour, of Indiana, moved a suspension of the rules, to enable him to report from the Committee on the Judiciary the following resolution: